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— Purpose, Scope & Organization —



PURPOSE

Provides writing prompts that spark student imagination and aids in developing their writing skills.



SCOPE AND ORGANIZATION

This book has five units divided into igniter topics. These igniter topics vary from simple quotes or statements with guiding questions to in-depth questions that spark more specific responses.



LEVEL

High School

How To...



TIME

Each igniter is designed to take half an hour to an hour to complete, depending on the accuracy, length, and depth of writing you require for each.



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Select a writing igniter and photocopy enough copies for the entire class.
2. Distribute the igniter to your students
3. Set the time limit.

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Quotes One

After reading a famous quote and a brief summary of the speaker's life, students follow directions for a specific writing assignment.

Songs of Life



Name:

Date:

Class:

"What we play is life."

Louis Daniel Armstrong (Satchmo), 1900 - 1971

Jazz musician, scat singer, and trumpeter, Louis Armstrong was born in New Orleans to a very poor family. He was sent to reform school at age twelve for firing a gun on New Year's Eve. At fourteen, he sold papers, unloaded boats, and sold coal from a cart. His music is recognized as some of the greatest Jazz ever performed. Satchmo's use of scat, wordless or nonsense words and syllables to create the sounds of an instrument, helped popularize this form of music. "What a Wonderful World" is one of his best known songs.

Prompt: Pick a song that describes life to you and explain why you chose it.

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Class:

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Date:

Class:

[illegible]

Name:

Date:

Class:

(From Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix)

Born in Chipping Sodbury near Bristol, England, J.K. Rowling has become one of the world's most well-known contemporary authors. She has won many awards with her Harry Potter book series. Her vivid style of writing entertains both young and old. She says she has a very visual imagination. She sees a situation and then tries to describe it. Children all over the world enjoy her books and the movies based on them. Now residing in Scotland, she continues to do what she loves: writing to entertain.

Is there a generation gap between you and your parents or grandparents?

How can you bridge that gap or how have you bridged that gap?

[illegible]

Presidency

Name:

Date:

Class:

“The American Presidency will demand more than ringing manifestos issued from the rear of the battle. It will demand that the president place himself in the very thick of the fight; that he care passionately about the fate of the people he leads...”

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917 - 1963

John F. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Massachusetts. His father, Joseph, assured John's financial independence at an early age with a trust fund of over one million dollars.

Kennedy served as thirty-fifth President from January 1961 until his assassination in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963. An eternal flame burns atop his grave at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC.

Prompt: Since the Presidency is such a responsible and stressful position, what attributes should one considering this office possess? State your reasoning.

[illegible]

Class:



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Date:

Class:

Charles William Dement, 1928 –

Prompt: Describe a favorite or unusual dream you have experienced or one you would like to have.

[illegible]



Class:



Bargains



Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____



“Life is short, but there is always time for courtesy.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803 - 1882

Emerson lived a busy life as an American essayist, poet, philosopher, and lecturer. He entered Harvard College when he was fourteen years old. His writing projects a belief in noble ideas and righteous conduct.

He will long be remembered for his philosophy of self-reliance and individual freedom. Among his neighbors and friends you find such famous individuals as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry David Thoreau, Bronson Alcott, and Louisa May Alcott.

Prompt: Elaborate on Emerson's idea about courtesy using an incident that has either happened to you, or you have observed.

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Class:



Prompt: Habits can be good or bad. Mention a behavior that can easily become habit forming. Explain how this can occur.

[illegible]

Date:

Class:

Samuel Clemens, 1835 - 1910

His best literary works are considered to be *Life on the Mississippi*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

[illegible]

Class:

Conversation

Class:



“I attribute the little I know to my not having been ashamed to ask for information, and to my rule of conversing with all descriptions of men on those topics that form their own peculiar professions and pursuits.”


John Locke, 1632 – 1704

“The intellectual ruler of the eighteenth century,” as Locke has sometimes been called, was born in Warington, England, and educated at Oxford University. He later studied medicine and became a physician. He acquired an interest in politics through his friend, the Earl of Shaftesbury.

Locke's ideas greatly influenced the thinkers of his day and had a strong effect on colonial America. Thomas Jefferson, when writing the Declaration of Independence, used many of his ideas.

Prompt: By John Locke's statement, it is apparent that he felt he learned from conversing with other individuals. Explain how you learned or profited in some way by a conversation you had with someone other than a friend.

[illegible]



Quotes Two

A general topic is presented, followed by three varied yet famous quotes relating to the subject matter. The student is to check the topic he/she wishes to address in the writing assignment that follows.

Laughter

Name:

Date:

Class:



(A series of spontaneous, usually unarticulated sounds, expressing delight)

- 1. *“Laughter is the tonic, the relief, the surcease for pain.”* Charlie Chaplin
- 2. *“A man isn’t poor if he can still laugh.”* Raymond Hitchcock
- 3. *“Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.”* Victor Hugo

Directions: Check and explain which you feel is the most realistic.

[illegible]

Learning



Name:

Date:

Class:

(Knowledge or skill acquired by instruction, study, or experience)

- 1. *“The brighter you are, the more you have to learn.”* Don Herold
- 2. *“I’ve known countless people who were reservoirs of learning yet never had a thought.”* Wilson Mizner
- 3. *“The wisest mind has something yet to learn.”* George Santayana

In your opinion, which of these famous men makes the wisest statement? Explain.



Name:

Date:

Class:



- Directions:** Give your opinion as to which saying best captures the true nature of friendship.

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Class:

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- # Language

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Opportunity



Name:

Date:

Class:

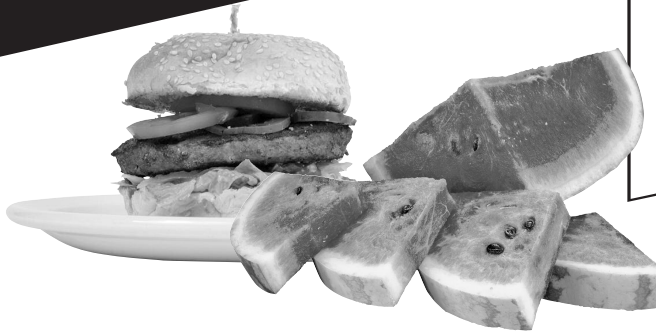
(Favorable combination of time, place and circumstance)

- 1. *“A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.”* Francis Bacon
- 2. *“Occasions are rare; and those who know how to seize upon them are rarer.”*
Josh Billings
- 3. *“Plough deep while sluggards sleep.”* Benjamin Franklin

Prompt: The above sayings all pertain to the subject of opportunity. Which do you feel is/are important in today's society? Explain your answer.

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Hunger



Name:

Date:

Class:

(An uncomfortable or painful feeling often accompanied by a weak condition caused by lack of food)

- 1. *“No clock is more regular than the belly.”* Rabelais
- 2. *“A hungry man is not a free man.”* Adlai Stevenson
- 3. *“An empty stomach is not a good political advisor.”* Albert Einstein

Directions: Present your views in writing on the subject in question.

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Humor



(Ability to appreciate or express the funny, amusing, comical side of things)

Name:

Date:

Class:

- 1. *“Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.”* Will Rogers
- 2. *“Good humor isn’t a trait of character; it is an art which requires practice.”* David Seabury
- 3. *“Men will confess to treason, murder, arson, false teeth, or a wig. How many of them will own up to a lack of humor?”* Frank Moore Colby

Directions: Tie one of those quotations into a situation you have experienced.

[illegible]

Class:

Directions: Describe an adventure you have had or would like to encounter.

[illegible]

Name:

Date:

Class:



- 1. *“Fashion is what one wears oneself. What is unfashionable is what other people wear.”* Oscar Wilde
- 2. *“Every generation laughs at the old fashions, but follows religiously the new.”* Henry David Thoreau
- 3. *“Fashion must be forever new or she becomes insipid.”* James Russell Lowell

Prompt: Much stress is put on fashion today. Relate your writing to one of the above quotes.

[illegible]

Date:

Class:

- 1. *“Everyone is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.”*
Mark Twain
- 2. *“Personality is to a man what perfume is to a flower.”* Charles M. Schwab
- 3. *“If you have anything really valuable to contribute to the world, it will come through the expression of your own personality, that single spark of divinity that sets you off and makes you different from every other living creature.”*
Bruce Barton

Directions: Select one of the above quotes, decide if it is true or false, and then explain your decision.

[illegible]



Advice Annie — Boys

Students answer letters
written from boys to an
imaginary “Advice Annie.”
Although realistic, most
problems presented are
humorous.

GIFTed, Tyrone

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

My girlfriend Daisy and I have been dating for six months. We get along very well and have a lot of fun together. Since we only live three blocks apart, we see each other a lot.

Last week she gave me a surprise present, a 24-karat gold bracelet. I was very pleased by this gift but mentioned that she should not have spent so much money.

I've received many compliments on it and felt proud Daisy thought that much of me.

Here's my problem. Yesterday, the police made a door-to-door investigation in our neighborhood. They were asking the residents if they knew anything about a robbery a block away. The police officer also showed us a list of items that had been taken. It consisted mostly of jewelry.

My heart dropped when I noticed a 24-karat man's bracelet on the list, although I didn't say anything. Now, I am worried that Daisy committed the robbery. I'm also afraid to wear the bracelet for fear someone will recognize it. Since I love Daisy and don't want to get her into trouble, I have a serious problem.

GIFTed,
Tyrone



Dear Tyrone,

3

GIFTed, Tyrone



Doubly sincere, Dudley

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

My parents are never satisfied with my school grades. They're always comparing me to my twin brother, Oscar, who gets excellent grades. Mine are average, but I far surpass Oscar's athletic ability and always play first string in everything I go out for in sports.

When I try to explain that my ability is in athletics, they look uninterested and say, "You ought to be more like Oscar," overlooking the fact that he is very insecure and I am very outgoing.

Now they are pressuring me to invite him along when I go out with my friends. The problem is that, when I do, he never looks like he is having fun. How can I convince my parents that while Oscar and I are brothers, we don't have to have the same social life?

Doubly sincere,
Dudley



Dear Dudley,

3

Doubly sincere, Dudley



Sincerely, Dry Trunks

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

It's swimming weather in my part of the country. Consequently, my close friend is having a pool party for his birthday in two weeks.

My problem is that I can't swim. I thought I would just not attend, but Niles has spent a month planning the special event. He was present when I asked my parents' permission to stay out past my curfew that night, so I can't use them for an excuse.

I don't know what to do. If I attend, I'll be embarrassed. If I don't, Niles's feelings will be hurt. Is there a solution?

Sincerely,
Dry Trunks

Dear Dry Trunks,



Forward Advice, Eldon

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

Last December at a Christmas party, I met the girl of my dreams. She's beautiful, witty, fun and makes me feel like a million. Everything isn't ideal, though.

Currently, we're not seeing each other. It's a family religious problem - mine. My mother is upset that Betty Bea is not of our faith. She has called and even visited Betty Bea to protest our dating. These moves have left me quite embarrassed. I've ceased seeing Betty Bea to stop my mother's actions. She makes everyone involved miserable.

In an attempt to get me on the right track, Mother is insisting that I attend a religious camp. In fact, she has been corresponding with the minister, and they are brewing a romantic match between his daughter and me.

Mom has no conception of how much I care for Betty Bea. This breakup has devastated me. I promised my dying father that I'd live at home until graduation, so leaving is not the solution. How can I possibly deal with this problem?

Forward advice,
Eldon



Dear Eldon,

3

Forward Advice, Eldon



Doggedly waiting, Bernard

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

I work part-time at an animal shelter. Frequently, people give up their dogs because they've damaged furniture; sadly, many of these pets are euthanized.

Recently, one such unlucky canine entered the shelter. Fearing that he would be euthanized, I drove Bozo to my girlfriend's home. Her beagle had died a few weeks before, and she still missed him terribly. Thinking I had the perfect solution for dog and man, I handed her the pooch.

After I revealed his furniture problem, she felt certain she could handle him. Bozo was angelic until her family left for the weekend. Needless to say, the dog chewed everything in sight. My girlfriend's father immediately gave him to someone he worked with; but a week later, he was found running in traffic with the dog tag still dangling from his collar.

Now the dog is back in my hands. My choices seem few. Muzzling him would allow Bozo the run of the house, but he couldn't eat or drink; returning him to the shelter would risk extermination or adoption by someone unsympathetic to his problem; imprisoning him in an outdoor kennel would allow me to work with him only when possible. What would be the fairest for Bozo?

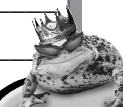
Doggedly waiting,
Bernard



Dear Bernard,

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Doggedly waiting, Bernard



"Won"derfully sincere, Pete Penniless

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

Last weekend I went to McBurger, a local fast-food restaurant, with a group of classmates. With my order I was given a game piece for McBurger's latest promotion. I tossed mine to the person sitting next to me, Lucky.

Monday morning at school, a friend told me that Lucky had won \$1000 in the McBurger contest. Suddenly, I developed indigestion. I don't know if the game piece I gave to Lucky was the winner or if he had won from another game piece.

How should I approach Lucky about this situation?

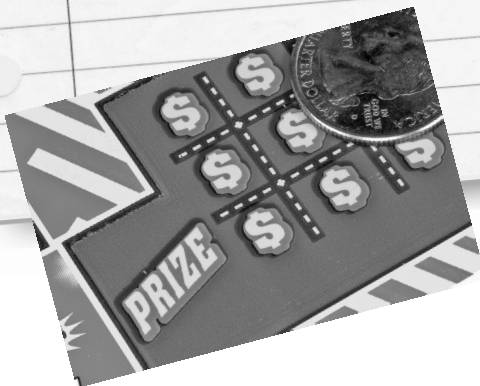
What if he won on my castoff?

Shouldn't he share?

Help! I need the money!

"Won"derfully sincere,
Pete Penniless

Dear Pete Penniless,



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"Won"derfully sincere, Pete Penniless



Waiting for answers, Clay

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

In hopes of being captain of the football team when school resumes, my brother attends a health club. He works out each day, and it shows.

Mr. Average three months ago is now Mr. Muscle. The change is so appalling; I'm beginning to silently question Shredder's methods.

With classes resuming again, I'm puzzled by his lack of attention to his girl, his quick aggressive temper, periods of sudden depression, and obsession to develop his physique. I'm aware that, as a senior this fall, he wants college scouts to notice him.

Several concerns are uppermost in my mind, since Shredder's outlook on life has changed. Is he taking something harmful to buff up? It worries me that he could be damaging himself. How can I help?

Waiting for answers,
Clay

Dear Clay,



Forever grateful, Bailey

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

My brother Olie just revealed some startling news. He and our cousin Matilda are planning to elope. To say the least, I am speechless. Olie said to keep it quiet until after the service.

He says he is madly in love with her, and several interventions from the family only made their love stronger.

Olie could get into trouble with the law if he carries out his plan. Marriage between first cousins is not permitted in this state. Medical problems, if they have children, are also a concern. Please enlighten me immediately. Should I inform on them?

Forever grateful,
Bailey

Dear Bailey,



Needing help fast, Troubled Teddy

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

Last Saturday night my parents went out, leaving Mom's car in the garage. I don't have a driver's license, but they never mentioned that I couldn't take it out for a spin.

Temptation overpowered me. I grabbed the keys, picked up some friends, and began showing off. Suddenly, I lost control and ran into a cemetery's wrought-iron fencing. The fence is now leaning like the Tower of Pisa and what once was a snappy little red convertible is now "concave city." Luckily, no one was injured, but my problems are just beginning.

The cemetery board published a reward for information concerning the damage (I don't know if my friends will keep quiet), and the accident is still hidden from my parents. The car is parked against the garage's far wall, so the damage hasn't been discovered yet. Fortunately, my mom is currently out of town for two weeks. Unfortunately, her insurance doesn't cover me.

Needing help fast,
Troubled Teddy

Dear Troubled Teddy,



Puzzled Cornelius

Name:

Date:

Class:

Dear Advice Annie,

Dear Advice Annie,

Recently, a very popular girl in my school started going out of her way to be nice to me. She waits for me outside our English classroom, has begun writing me notes, and is always smiling at me.

I am on the Honor Roll, in the band

Geraldine is a cheerleader, on the Honor Roll, in the band, president of several clubs, and has plenty of male admirers. Although I am very attracted to her, I earn only average grades, certainly am not on the Honor Roll, and school activities are not a top priority with me. I know she has many chances to go out with the school jocks but turns them down cold.

Next weekend, Geraldine is having a party and has invited me. I'm wondering what she sees in me.

Do you think there is any future for us, or should I just tell her to "buzz off" before we start caring?

Puzzled Cornelius

Dear Puzzled Cornelius,





Advice Annie — Girls

**Students immerse
themselves in each
problem, evaluate pros
and cons to each situation
and weigh advice.**

Sincerely, Packing Patty

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

My parents are divorced. I want to live with Dad but don't have the courage to tell my mother. Earlier this year I resided with him, but she became so upset that it worried me, so I returned home.

At the time, it was difficult telling my dad I need to ship off to Mom's. In fact, I didn't tell him of her behavior. She has the art of placing the "guilt trip" on me down to a science. If I tell her how I really feel, she'll suggest I see a psychiatrist. Help!

Sincerely,
Packing Patty

Dear Packing Patty,

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Sincerely, Packing Patty



GRADEfully, Betty Lou

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

My best friend, Bonnie, and I are in the same science class. Three weeks ago, the teacher assigned a research project on wildlife in the Grand Canyon. Since then, I have spent practically all of my spare time on this project. It counts as a full exam grade, and I need an "A" on this assignment to make the Honor Roll.

The project is due in two days. Last night, Bonnie called and wanted to borrow my research information. I allowed her to do this last year, and, because she is a gifted artist, her project received an "A," but I received a "B" on mine. It made me feel cheated and a bit angry with Bonnie.

Her friendship means a great deal, but I think she should do her own work. How should I handle this problem?

GRADEfully,
Betty Lou

Dear Betty Lou,



Shadowed, Rosie

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

My neighbor, Louie, just moved into town this summer and attends my school. The first few days of class I showed him around so he wouldn't get lost. Now, he follows me everywhere I go! He is behind me every time I turn around.

He wants to carry my books, buy me lunch, and walk me home. Last weekend he even showed up at my house with a box of my favorite chocolates. This morning when I left for school there was a long-stemmed red rose on my doorstep.

It's like having a shadow even when the sun isn't shining. How do I tactfully tell him to disappear? Our mothers are in the same clubs
Help!

Shadowed,
Rosie



Dear Rosie,

4

Shadowed, Rosie



41

GIFTless, Myrtle

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

My best friend, Alma Mae, didn't acknowledge my birthday last April. This really hurt because I always plan ahead, finding just the right card and gift when her day arrives. It added an extra sting to my feelings because I've always gone out of my way to do the favors she asks. All I wanted was to be remembered; even a card would have pleased me.

The problem is that Alma Mae's birthday is this weekend. Although feeling guilty about it, I'm considering ignoring it. What do you think is the best move?

GIFTless,
Myrtle

Dear Myrtle,



Concerned friend, Fanny

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

My friend, Goldie, and her boyfriend ended their relationship about two months ago. She is heartbroken and cries herself to sleep each night. Even the songs on the radio cause her to sadly reminisce.

Trying to help, I called her old boyfriend and asked why he broke up with Goldie and whether or not he considered getting back together with her. He answered, "Heck, no, She's too unattractive, and I was just at a low point in my life when we went out."

Goldie was on the other end and heard his remark. I feel terrible now because she is starving herself to lose weight and is becoming ill. She could possibly do something life-threatening. What should I do?

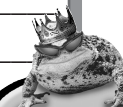
Concerned friend,
Fanny



Dear Fanny,

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Concerned friend, Fanny



School fool, Maizie Marie

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

I attend a private school and I am going steady with someone from a public school.

We've had our minor problems but have dated for two years now. Ambrose and I share many of the same interests and have fun when we're together.

Yesterday, I discovered Ambrose is, in fact, a year younger than I. This is quite embarrassing.

Now I am confused by my relationship because Ambrose never mentioned the age difference to me. Please Annie, help me unscramble my emotions.

School fool,
Maizie Marie

Dear Maizie Marie,

4

School fool, Maizie Marie



BOXed in, Pandora II

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

The history teacher assigned the creation of a family tree. It seemed an enjoyable assignment until I uncovered a family secret.

I mentioned to my mother that I needed help with the ancestral history for my worksheet. She was busy and told me the information I needed was in an old wooden box on the top shelf of her closet.

Well, I found all the information I needed and more! Inside the box was an age-worn envelope containing my birth certificate. All the information seemed accurate with one exception. My dad, or at least the man I'd always known as my father, was not listed; someone named Homer was.

I'm not sure if my birth occurred before or after the wedding. Mom may have had an affair while married. Ironically, my dad always calls me "his girl" and actually spoils me.

How can I discover the truth? Dad may not even know, as he often travels in his occupation. They could possibly even break up over this.

BOXed in,
Pandora II



Dear Pandora II,

4

BOXed in Pandora II



Socially misfit, Lottie Louise

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

Each year the corporation my father works for holds a family picnic. Last spring I met my dad's boss's son there, and we soon began dating.

We have many similar interests and enjoy our time together. Actually, he's the first boy I've met who shares my values and beliefs.

Dad approves of Skip, but his family does not care for me. His father has his future mapped out and doesn't want him involved with someone not of his social status.

Recently, my dad was laid off after twenty years with the company. His self-esteem is really low, and since we're a one-parent household, dad is our only source of income.

I strongly suspect that Skip's father laid my father off because of me. Since Dad would have to relocate to another part of the country to find a similar position, my suspicion is reinforced.

Perhaps if I stop seeing Skip, my father will be called back to work. It ends up a case of living without love or without money. How would you resolve this issue?

Socially misfit,
Lottie Louise

Dear Lottie Louise,

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Socially misfit, Lottie Louise

Very worried, Lily

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

I regularly babysit for a doctor's six-year-old son. The boys' parents are divorcing, and a custody battle is brewing.

Recently, Carson disclosed that his father "is mean" to him, and, at the time, his arms and legs were bruised. When I mentioned this to his mother, she remarked, "Carson has a vivid imagination."

Not wanting to overstep my bounds, I've tried to put Carson's stories out of my mind. Mentioning this to his dad could worsen matters for Carson, and his mother evidently wants to ignore the issue.

Children have inventive minds that often are overactive, but what if he's telling the truth? Is there a way to find out? His father is known for his short temper. Custody of Carson is also a concern. My silence is bothering me.

Very worried,
Lily

Dear Lily,



COURTing trouble, Judge's daughter

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Dear Advice Annie,

The popular crowd invited me to hang out with them this school year. Most weekends we cruise the mall, but our last night there really opened my eyes when I noticed them stealing. Their technique was quite smooth.

One crony distracted the clerk while a few slipped items into a purse or pocket. We all have a generous allowance, so these are not crimes of need.

Last trip, I mentioned their habit. They laughed and said that it was time to prove my loyalty. They handed me a list of various items to "pick up" by week's end. I suffered from an inferiority complex before this group took me in, and now I finally feel accepted. It would be difficult to break away now.

I'm torn between wanting to please my friends and worrying about what might happen to my dad if I got caught. Daddy is a prominent politician in the area, but I desperately need this group's attention.

COURTing trouble,
Judge's daughter



Dear Judge's Daughter,

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COURTing trouble, Judge's daughter





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The Real Thing

Class:



Prompt: Reality shows are very popular today. Come up with an idea for a new reality show. Describe the show and give reasons why you think it would be appealing to the public.

[illegible]

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"



Name:

Date:

Class:

Prompt: If you could invite any famous person (living or dead) to dinner, whom would you pick? Give some reasons for your choice. What would you like to know about or learn from this person?

[illegible]

Note in a Bottle



Name:

Date:

Class:

Prompt: While vacationing in tropical waters, your boat develops engine trouble. After drifting to a deserted island, you decide to send for help. Compose a note to be placed in a bottle and set adrift.

[illegible]

Theme Park



Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Directions: Your design for a new theme park has won top honors. Prepare a sketch and accompany it with an explanation.

Instant Fame



Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Your astronomy hobby has been rewarded!
The discovery of a new planet has brought you
immediate recognition.

Directions: Sketch the newest discovery's
appearance and include a written description.
Use the back of the sheet if you need more room.

Planet's Name _____

Description _____

Collage

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____



Directions: Using newspapers, magazines, and sketches, depict your personal interests and hobbies in a collage. Share it with the class when you have finished.

Mystery

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

According to a police report, a crime has been committed over the weekend.

Directions: Take the details and plot the story and motive.

Time: Sometime during past weekend

Place: Residential area

Crime: Robbery

Form of Entry: Unknown

Witnesses: None

Suspects: Maid, gardener, mailman, pizza deliveryman, plumber, dogcatcher, Mr. and Mrs. I.M. Wealthy



Music Cover



Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Directions: Your favorite music artist has asked you to design and name an album cover for his/her newest work. Show your design and explain.

Computer Match-Up

Name:

Date:

Class:



Prompt: As a fundraiser for the next school hop, the dance committee has created a match-up blind-dating service. Prepare your personality profile in 25 words or less, and include the type of individual you are seeking.

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Name:

Date:

Class:



apple pie
éclair
fudge
bonbon

honey
cookie
cupcake

licorice
marzipan
tart

Architect for a Day

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

Directions: Design your own haunted house and describe its unique – but scary – features. This may be a floor plan or a sketch of the outside of the house.

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Architect for a Day



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What Am I?

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____



Prompt: Choose one item in this room and assume its identity for five minutes. Using all of your senses, place yourself within that object. Describe what you see, hear, feel, taste, and smell. Read your description to the class and see if anyone can guess your identity.

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